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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DKP CHAIRMAN TO EAST BERLIN

1. SED FIRST SECRETARY RICH HONECKER RECEIVED
WEST GERMAN DKP CHAIRMAN HERBERT MIES AND DKP OFFICIALS
HERMANN GAUTIER AND KURT FRITSCH IN EAST BERLIN FEBRUARY 11.
ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ADN ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING, THE TWO
SIDES ENGAGED IN A FRIENDLY EXCHANGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION ANDTHE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
PARITES. ALSO PRESENT ON TH GDR SIDE WER POLITBURO
MEMBERS HERMANN AXEN AND PAUL VERNER,AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE
SECTION CHIEFS HERBERT HAEBER AND REINHARD KLASSEN.

2. THE ADN REPORT DESCRIBES A PREDICTABLE
MIES-HONECKER EXCHANGE IN WHICH MIES PRESENTD THE EFFECTS
OF THE CAPITALIST CRISIS IN THEFRG AND HONECKER PAINTED
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A ROSY PICTURE OF GDR PREPARATIONS FOR THE SED NINTH PARTY

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CONGRESS. HONECKER IS REPORTED AS HAVING EXTOLLED
THE VIRTURES OF THE SED AS A MARXIST-LENINIST VANGUARD
CLOSELY ALLIED WITH THE CPSU AND INTERSTED I DDEVELOPING
" NORMAL RELATIONS OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" WITH THE FRG.
BOTH ONECKER AND MIES EMPHASIZED THAT THE SEDAND DKP
WOULD STRIVE FOR THE UNITY AND UNIFORMITY OF THE
WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

3. COMMENT: MIES LAST VISITED THE GDR ON
NOVEMBER 5, 1974. THE PURPOSE OF HIS PRESENT VISIT,
ACCORDING TO FRG SOURCES INEAST BERLIN, WAS TO DISCUSS
DKP ELECTION STRATEGY FOR THE UPCOMINGFRG ELECTIONS.
THE SEDMOSE LIKELY HAS URGED THE DKP TO ORCHESTRATE ITS
CAMPAIGN SO AS NO TO HIDER SPD CHANCES. IN LINE WITH
HONECKER'S"ABGRUEZUNG" POLICY VIS A VIS THEFRG, THE SED
HAS COMETO DOWNPLAY ITS CONTACTS WITH BOTH THE DKP AND THE
WEST-BERLIN BASED SEW. IT PORTRAYS THESE TWO PARTIES AS
INDEPENDENT ENTITIES WITH WHICH THE SED RELATES ON THE
BASIS OF " PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" WHILE IN REALITY
BOTH THE DKP AND SEW ARE FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT ON THE
SED. AS EVIDENT IN THE OFFICIAL ADN ACCOUNT OF THE
CURRENT MIES VISIT. THE DKP FULLY SUPPORTS THE SED LINE
ON CLOSE TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION.GROVE

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